**December 31st, 2015**

**Dear Sir or Madam,**

**State Services for the Blind (SSB) is making changes to our policies for post-secondary schooling and maintenance. These changes may affect the vocational rehabilitation services you receive. You are invited to discuss these changes with us at a meeting date scheduled below.**

**The proposed policies are included with this letter. You can also get an electronic version on SSB’s website at** [**http://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/blind-visual-impaired/notices/index.jsp**](http://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/blind-visual-impaired/notices/index.jsp) **under “Notices.”**

**You can give SSB your comments and suggestions several ways:**

1. **Attend one of the four scheduled public meetings in person or via phone.**
	* **Rochester Workforce Center on January 19th 2016, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
		+ **2070 College View Rd E, Rochester**
	* **St. Cloud Workforce Center on January 20th, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
		+ **1542 Northway Drive, St. Cloud**
	* **Duluth Lighthouse Center for Vision Loss on January 25th, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
		+ **4505 W Superior St, Duluth**
	* **SSB Main Office in St. Paul on February 1st, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
		+ **2200 University Ave W, Suite 240, St. Paul**
	* **The call-in number for each meeting is 1-888-742-5096 and the conference call ID is 5032664284.**
2. **Email thoughts and ideas to** **Natasha.Jerde@state.mn.us** **by February 12th, 2016.**

1. **Call Natasha Jerde at 651-539-2344 by February 12th, 2016.**
2. **Mail a letter before February 12th, 2016, to:**

**Natasha Jerde**

**2200 University Ave West**

**Suite 240**

**St. Paul, MN 55114**

**If you require a reasonable accommodation to access the public hearings, please notify Brigitte Whaley at 651-539-2357 or at** **Brigitte.Whaley@state.mn.us****. Please make your request at least five business days prior to the public hearing date.**

**Handouts will be provided in Braille and large print at the public hearings.**

**Thank you,**

**Natasha Jerde**

**Rehabilitation Counseling Supervisor/Policy Coordinator**

**Enc: Post-Secondary Policy, Maintenance Policy**